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E.O. 12065: GDS 6/17/87 (HARTER, DENNIS G.)
TAGS: OVIP (HAIG, ALEXANDER H.), CH, JA
SUBJECT: PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN
HINISTER SONODA

- 1. (SECRET ENTIRE TEXT.) .
- 2. REQUEST EMBASSY MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO FORWARD THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY FOLLOWING TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER SONODA PRIOR TO FOREIGN MINISTER'S DEPARTURE FOR ASEAN MEETING IN MANILA.
- ALTHOUGH I WILL BE SEEING YOU IN ANOTHER BEGIN TEXT. TWO DAYS AND LOOKING FORWARD TO IT. I WANTED TO SEND TO YOU NOW THIS BRIEF COMMUNICATION ON MY TALKS IN BEIJING. AS I WILL BE TELLING YOU IN GREATER DETAIL WHEN WE HEET. THE MEETINGS WERE VERY SUCCESSFUL IN CLARIFYING THE CONVERGENCE OF OUR STRATEGIC VIEWS AND ON THE OPENING OF THE PRC WAS INFORMED SEVERAL NEW BILATERAL INITIATIVES. HOST IMPORTANTLY. THAT THE U.S. WILL TAKE ACTIONS INTENDED TO TREAT CHINA AS A FRIENDLY NATION WITH WHICH WE ARE NOT ALLIED BUT WITH WHICH WE HAVE CONSIDERABLE AREAS OF COOPERA-TION AND MUTUAL INTERESTS. IN THIS LATTER CONTEXT WAS A RECENT DIRECTIVE BY PRESIDENT REAGAN WHICH WILL LIBERALIZE SECRET 4 SECRET

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OUR CONTROL IN THE EXPORT OF DUAL-USE TECHNOLOGY TO CHINA.

SECRET-

WE INDICATED TO THE CHINESE THAT THE PRESIDENT INTENDS TO MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF EXAMINING REQUESTS FOR THE TRANS-FER OF MILITARY WEAPONS AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE SAME MANNER AS WED DO WITH OTHER FRIENDLY NATIONS WITH WHOM WE DO NOT HAVE AN ADVERSARIAL RELATIONSHIP. I WILL. OF COURSE, DIS-CUSS THIS WITH YOU MORE FULLY AND IN MORE DETAIL IN MANILA. BUT I WISH TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THERE WERE NO SPECIFIC DECISIONS MADE ON THIS ISSUE IN BEIJING AND NO CONCRETE DISCUSSIONS OF ANY WEAPON SALES TOOK PLACE. RATHER IT IS OUR INTENTION TO MOVE INTO THIS SENSITIVE AREA ONLY WITH THE GREATEST CAUTION AND ONLY AFTER FULL CONSULTATIONS WITH OUR ALLIES. WITH OUR FRIENDS AND WITH OUR OWN CONGRESS. EXPECT THAT THE CHINESE MAY RAISE THIS ISSUE DURING THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF PEOPLE'S LIBERALIZATION ARMY VICE CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF LIU HUAQING IN AUGUST.

-- I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THESE DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU IN MANILA, TO HEARING THE RESULTS OF THE VISIT THAT YOU AND PRIME MINISTER SUZUKI MADE TO EUROPE, AND TO REVIEWING ISSUES RELATED TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON KAMPUCHEA. HAIG

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